

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2004. Claims 1 and 15-22 have been canceled. Thus, claims 2-14 and 23-25 are now pending.

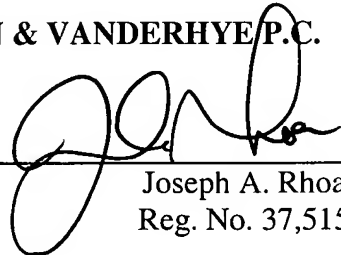
Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 2-6, 8, 9, 14 and 23. Claims 7, 10 and 11 have been changed to be dependent on allowed claim 2. Thus, all claims are now in condition for allowance given the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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